

LOCAL RULE 1014
Determination of Place of Holding Court

(a) *Clerk to Determine Location for Hearings* - The Clerk shall schedule all hearings, trials and other matters before this Court to be held in the designated locations specified below, unless the judge assigned to a specific case shall change the designation by order. If the county of residence or principal place of business of the debtor listed on the bankruptcy petition is in one of the following counties, then the appropriate location will be designated as follows. However, if it is clear that the debtor's county of residence or the location of the principal place of business has recently changed and that for the majority of six months immediately preceding filing that county would have been another county within this district, then that previous location should be used for purposes of this Rule.

- (1) For the following counties the designated location for holding court is Grand Rapids:

Barry	Ionia	Kent	Mecosta	Montcalm
Muskegon	Newaygo	Oceana	Ottawa	

- (2) For the following counties the designated location for holding court is Kalamazoo:

Allegan	Berrien	Branch	St. Joseph	Van Buren
Hillsdale	Cass	Calhoun	Kalamazoo	

- (3) For the following counties the designated location for holding court is Lansing:

Clinton	Eaton	Ingham
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- (4) For the following counties the designated location for holding court is Traverse City:

Antrim	Benzie	Charlevoix	Emmet
Lake	Kalkaska	Leelanau	Grand Traverse
Manistee	Mason	Missaukee	Osceola
Wexford			

- (5) For the following counties the designated location for holding court is Marquette:

All of the counties in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

(b) *Motion to Change Location for Hearings* - The debtor, any creditor, or any other party in interest may seek a transfer of the designated location for holding court in any bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding which may be warranted in the interest of justice or the convenience of the parties by filing a motion which shall be noticed to all interested parties pursuant to Local Rule 9013.

(c) *Exception in Pro Bono Cases* - Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this Rule, an attorney who is affiliated with a pro bono program and who has agreed as part of the program to represent an indigent client before this Court without charge to the client, may submit a motion and ex parte order transferring the case to the location for holding court which is located nearest the principal office of the attorney. The Court may then issue an order transferring the location for holding court as prayed for without prior hearing. All such orders shall be noticed by the Clerk to all parties in interest together with a notice of the action and an opportunity to object. If an objection is filed, the hearing will be scheduled for the designated location to which the case would normally be assigned absent a request for redesignation. The standard for transfer of location of hearings shall be the interest of justice or convenience of all parties, including the ability of the indigent party to retain representation if such transfer is denied.